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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of this application.

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

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This communication is responsive to the Original application filed on Jan 21, 2000.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28.

The drawings filed on 5/6/2000 are acceptable as formal drawings.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

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because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 8

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for the Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Art Unit: 3651

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims have been allowed because claim 1 recites that there are three groups (top, bottom, and intermediate) of inter folded sheets. Each group has the top and bottom panel and means to attach the panels together. Claim 16 recites the upper and lower groups of interfolded sheets where the top and bottom panels are attached and are also interfolded to the upper and lower groups. Claims 19 and 22 recite a container having a dispenser opening. There are upper and lower and, in claim 19, an intermediate group as interfolded sheets. There are top and bottom panels attached to the upper and lower groups where the bottom panel ^{pulls} ₁ the top panel out of the opening. These recitations in the claims are not taught by the cited art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner K. Noland at telephone number (703) 308-2168.

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TITLE OF INVENTION STACK FORMED FROM CONNECTED GROUPS OF INTERFOLDED SHEETS

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